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SUBJ: ECONADS: FOLLOW-UP TO "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USSR  
AND EASTERN EUROPE

REF: (A) USNATO 3852, (B) STATE 159780, (C) NATO DOC C-M(75)39

1. WE ARE POUCHING TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS COPIES OF  
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE DOC ED/EC/75/71, "COMECON: THE IMPLICATIONS  
FOR EASTERN REUOPE." THIS DOCUMENT IS THE FIRST STEP IN RESPONSE  
TO THE NAC MANDATE TO THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEES  
(PARTIALLY AT US BEHEST, SEE PARA 3, REF A) TO UPDATE REF C WITH  
SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE  
CEMA RELATIONSHIP TO ITS PARTICIPANTS. WE QUOTE A PORTION OF THE  
COVERING MEMORANDUM FROM ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLY:  
BEGIN TEXT:

I. ON 18TH JULY, 1975, THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COM-  
MITTEES WERE INVITED TO EXAMINE THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF  
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE USSR, AND TO  
ASSESS THEIR IMPORTANCE FOR THE ALLIANCE. WITH THIS IN MIND,  
THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING TWO AT-  
TACHED DOCUMENTS:

(A) A SYNTHESIS ENTITLED "RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE (COMECON). THIS BASIC PAPER MAY BE CONSIDERED AS AN INITIAL DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENT TO BE PREPARED JOINTLY BY THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL.

(B) A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS: "COMECON: THE IMPLICATIONS FOR EASTERN EUROPE" PREPARED BY THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE AND INTENDED AS AN ANNEX TO THE DOCUMENT TO BE SENT TO COUNCIL. THIS ANALYSIS EXAMINES THE RECENT EVOLUTION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND ITS EAST EUROPEAN PARTNERS AND ASSESSES THE MUTUAL QUID PRO QUOS DERIVING FROM THESE RELATIONS.

II. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISH EXPRESSED AT THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9TH OCTOBER, DELEGATES ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO ELICIT ALL POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THEIR CAPITALS WHICH COULD COMPLEMENT THE DATA CONTAINED IN THE DETAILED REPORT AT ANNEX. INFORMATION IS ESPECIALLY SOUGHT ON PRICE DETAILS FOR SOVIET OIL/RAW MATERIALS TO EASTERN EUROPE, THE SCOPE OF EAST EUROPEAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOVIET DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INSIDE THE USSR, AND POSSIBLE EAST EUROPEAN MILITARY TRANSFERS TO THE SOVIET UNION.  
END TEXT.

2. WHILE THE EXACT TIMING OF FINAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THIS DOCUMENT, AND THE SUBSEQUENT JOINT POLAD/ECONAD PREPARATION OF A COVERING REPORT TO THE COUNCIL IS NOT YET SET, BILLY WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REVIEW BY RECIPIENTS. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WASHINGTON AGENCIES OR ADDRESSEE POSTS ON THE POINTS RAISED IN PARA II OF BILLY'S MEMO SHOULD BE CABLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE, IF ANY IS FEASIBLE ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING, IN TIME FOR AN ECONADS AD HOC WORKING GROUP WHICH IS TO MEET TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENT TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 22. STREATOR  
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